

What is claimed is:

1        1. A conduit-supporting structure for a small vessel body comprising a hull and a deck  
2                for covering placement on top of the hull, with an interior space defined between the  
3                hull and the deck thereof;  
4                said conduit-supporting structure comprising a floatation insert block for placement  
5                inside the vessel body interior space between the hull and the deck;  
6        wherein said floatation insert block is made with a support groove formed therein for  
7        supportively receiving at least one conduit.

1                2. The conduit-supporting structure of claim 1, wherein the floatation insert block is  
2        formed from a resilient plastic foam material.

1                3. The conduit-supporting structure of claim 1, wherein the floatation insert block is  
2        formed from a buoyant material.

1                4. The conduit-supporting structure of claim 1, wherein the floatation insert block is  
2        constructed and arranged to fit the contours of the interior space within the watercraft.

1           5. The conduit-supporting structure of claim 1, wherein the support groove is  
2 adapted to supportively receive a pipe therein.

1           6. The conduit-supporting structure of claim 1, wherein the support groove is  
2 adapted to supportively receive a wire therein.

1           7. The conduit-supporting structure of claim 1, wherein the support groove is  
2 adapted to supportively receive a cable therein.

1           8. The conduit-supporting structure of claim 1, wherein said floatation insert block is  
2 constructed and arranged to fit nestingly in a selected part of said interior space of said  
3 watercraft.

1           9. A floatation insert block for placement in an interior space of a small watercraft  
2 between a hull and a deck of said watercraft, said floatation insert block comprising a main  
3 block body formed from a flexibly resilient plastic foam material, said main block body  
4 having a support groove formed therein for supportively receiving at least one conduit.

1           10. The floatation insert block of claim 9, wherein the floatation insert block is  
2   constructed and arranged to fit nestingly in a selected part of said interior space of said  
3   watercraft.

1           11. The floatation insert block of claim 9, wherein the floatation insert block is  
2   formed from a buoyant material.

1           12. The floatation insert block of claim 9, wherein the support groove is adapted to  
2   supportively receive a pipe therein.

1           13. The floatation insert block of claim 9, wherein the support groove is adapted to  
2   supportively receive a wire therein.

1           14. The floatation insert block of claim 9, wherein the support groove is adapted to  
2   supportively receive a cable therein.

1           15. A small watercraft comprising a hull and a deck for covering placement on top

- 2 of the hull, with an interior space defined between the hull and the deck thereof, said
- 3 watercraft having a plurality of the floatation blocks of claim 9 installed in said interior space.

- 1 16. The watercraft of claim 15, wherein the floatation insert blocks are formed from
- 2 a buoyant material.